

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LITCHFIELD COUNTY CELLULAR, INC.	)	
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	)	CASE NO.
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL	)	95-183
CELL FACILITIES IN KENTUCKY RURAL SERVICE AREA	)	
NO. 11 (HARLAN CELL SITE)	)	

O R D E R

On May 9, 1995, Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. ("Litchfield Cellular") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to build and operate a cellular radio telecommunications system for Rural Service Area No. 11 ("RSA No. 11"). RSA No. 11 includes Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, and Whitley counties. Litchfield Cellular has requested authorization to construct a cell site in Harlan County. Litchfield Cellular was previously granted authority to operate a cellular radio telecommunications system in RSA No. 11 in Case No. 94-006.<sup>1</sup>

The proposed cell site consists of a 225-foot or less guyed antenna tower to be located on a wooded ridgetop approximately 300 feet west of the intersection of Highway 421 and Little Shepherd Trail, approximately 4 miles north of the city of Harlan, Harlan County, Kentucky ("the Harlan cell site"). The coordinates for the

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 94-006, The Joint Application of Contel Cellular of Kentucky B, Inc. and Litchfield County Cellular, Inc. for Approval to Transfer and Acquire Control of the Cellular Telephone Utility in Kentucky Rural Service Area No. 11.

Harlan cell site are North Latitude 36° 53' 54" by West Longitude 83° 18' 37".

Litchfield Cellular has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the Harlan cell site. Based upon the application, the design of the tower and foundation appears to meet the criteria of the Building Officials and Code Administrators International National Building Code with reference to earthquakes, winds, and tornadoes.

Pursuant to KRS 100.324(1), the Harlan cell site's construction is exempt from local zoning ordinances; however, Litchfield Cellular notified the Harlan County Judge/Executive of the pending construction. Litchfield Cellular has filed applications with and received approvals from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Kentucky Airport Zoning Commission for the construction and operation of the Harlan cell site.

Litchfield Cellular has filed notices verifying that each person who owns property or who resides within 500 feet of the Harlan cell site has been notified of the pending construction. The notice solicited any comments and informed the property owners or residents of their right to intervene. On May 10, 1995, the Commission received a letter from Juanita Burkhart. On May 17, 1995, the Commission informed Ms. Burkhart of her right to intervene and ordered Litchfield Cellular to respond to Ms. Burkhart's inquiries. On May 22, 1995 the Commission received a letter from Walden Holbrook. On May 25, 1995, the Commission

informed Mr. Holbrook of his right to intervene and ordered Litchfield cellular to respond to Mr. Holbrook's inquiries. To date, no intervention requests have been received.

Pursuant to KRS 278.280, the Commission is required to determine proper practices to be observed when it finds, upon complaint or on its own motion, that the facilities of any utility subject to its jurisdiction are unreasonable, unsafe, improper, or insufficient. To assist the Commission in its efforts to comply with this mandate, Litchfield Cellular should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide cellular radio telecommunications services in the manner set out in its application and this Order. Upon receipt of such notice, the Commission may, on its own motion, institute proceedings to consider the proper practices, including removal of the unused antenna tower, which should be observed by Litchfield Cellular.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Litchfield Cellular should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Harlan cell site in RSA No. 11 under its previously approved tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

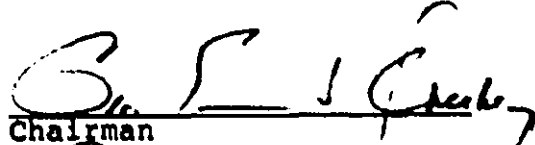
1. Litchfield Cellular be and it hereby is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate the Harlan cell site.

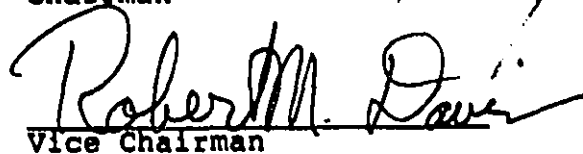
2. Litchfield Cellular shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the antenna tower is built and

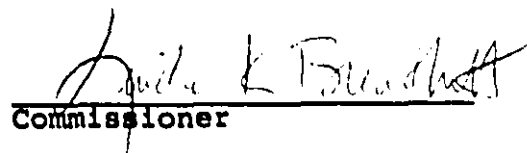
utility service is commenced, the tower is not used for a period of 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of July, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director